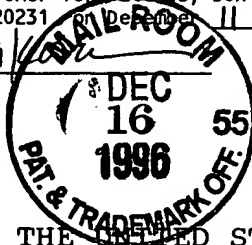


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In re application of:

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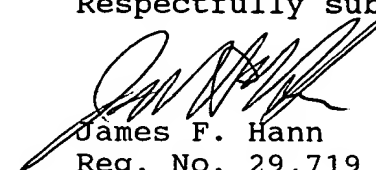
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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated August 26, 1996 for one months, from November 26, 1996 to December 26, 1996. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 is enclosed herewith.

Please charge \$55.00, pursuant to 37 CFR \$1.17, to the Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. This Petition is submitted in duplicate.

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